



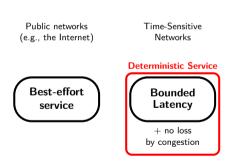


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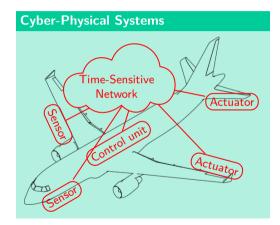
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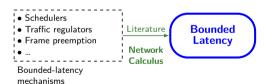


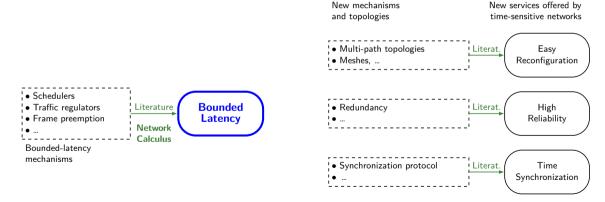
IEEE Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN)
IETF Deterministic Networking (DetNet)

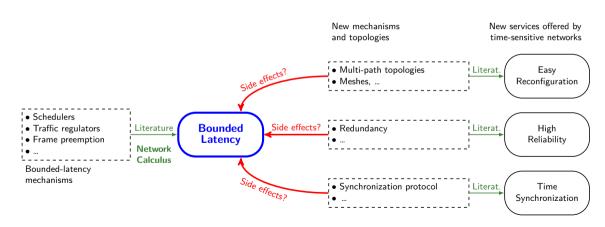


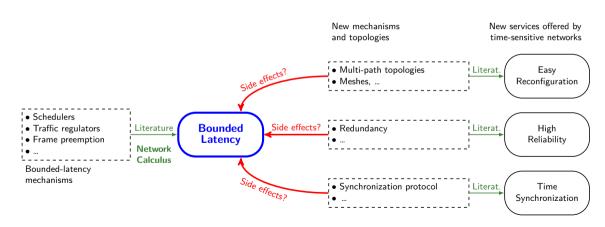
Safety-critical applications

Bounded Latency

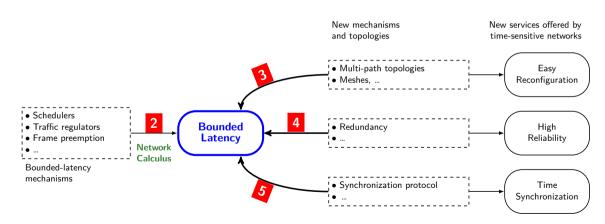




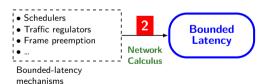




Outline of this Presentation



Network Calculus



Network Calculus Relies on Two Main Abstractions

Arrival Curve α upper-bounds the maximum amount of traffic of the flow over any interval Leaky-Bucket $\gamma_{r,b}$ Backlog? data rate 1 flow bo System $\forall t > 0, \ \gamma_{r,b}(t) = rt + b$ D? time interval t Guaranteed upper bounds?

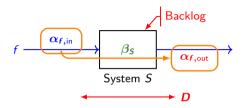
Service Curve β

lower-bounds the minimum amount of service offered to the flow

Rate-Latency $\beta_{R,T}$ Bounded-Delay δ_D data $\delta_D(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq D \\ +\infty & t > D \end{cases}$

$$|\cdot|^+ = \max(0,\cdot)$$

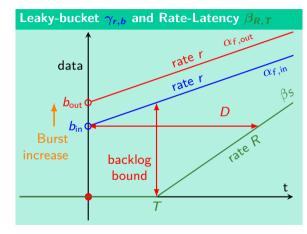
Network Calculus Provides Upper Bounds For Worst-Case Delay, Backlog and Output Traffic



Network Calculus Main Result [Le Boudec, Thiran 2001]

Knowing $\alpha_{f,in}$ and β_{S}

- Backlog upper-bound
- Delay upper-bound
- Output arrival curve $\alpha_{f,out} = \alpha_{f,in} \oslash \beta_{s}$

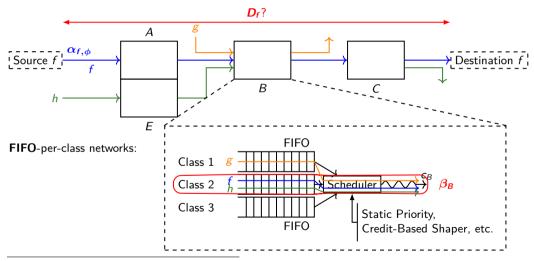


^{- [}Le Boudec, Thiran 2001] Jean-Yves Le Boudec and Patrick Thiran [2001]. Network Calculus: A Theory of Deterministic Queuing Systems for the Internet. Berlin Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag. ISBN: 978-3-540-42184-9

 \oslash : min-plus deconvolution. $(\mathfrak{f} \oslash \mathfrak{g}) : t \mapsto \sup_{u \geq 0} \{\mathfrak{f}(t+u) - \mathfrak{g}(u)\}$

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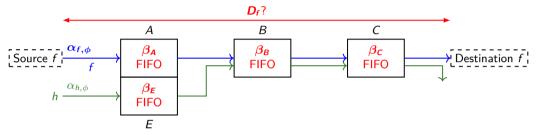
From a Multiclass Network to *n* FIFO Networks



FIFO: First in, first out

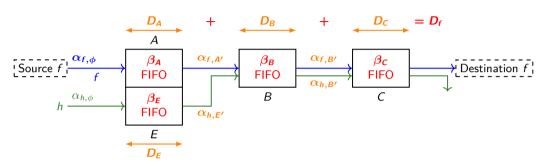
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From a Multiclass Network to *n* FIFO Classes: We Focus on **One Class**



Compositionnal approaches: compute end-to-end latency bounds in FIFO networks (active research field).

Total Flow Analysis, a Compositionnal Approach for Obtaining End-To-End Latency Bounds



Properties of TFA (Total Flow Analysis)

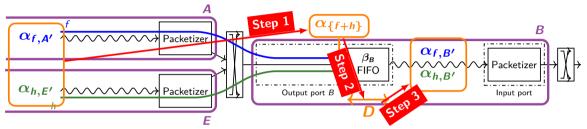
■ Optimal worst-case upper bounds are not guaranteed.

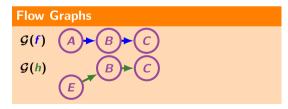
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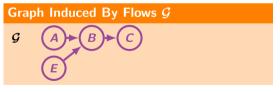
scalable (linear complexity with the network's size) and **flexible** (new models are easy to integrate)

Total Flow Analysis Proceeds in Three Steps for each Node

Zoom on B

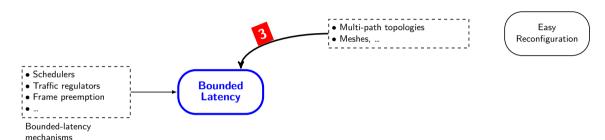




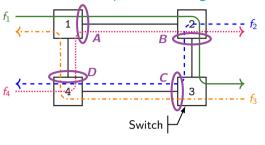


TFA is limited to networks with an acyclic graph G: feed-forward networks.

Multi-Path Topologies



A Possible Consequence of Using Multi-Path Topologies: Cyclic Dependencies

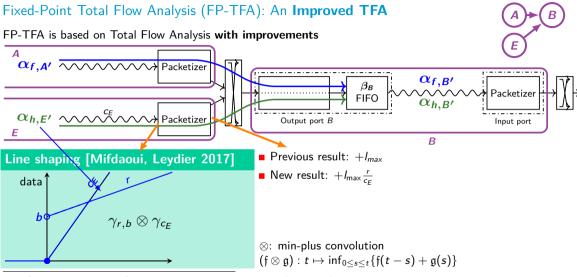


Graph induced by flows G:



End-to-end latency bounds?

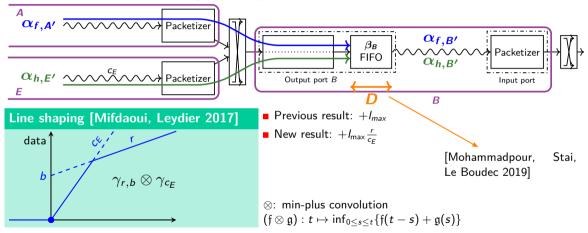
Fixed-Point Total Flow Analysis (FP-TFA)



- [Mifdaoui, Leydier 2017] Ahlem Mifdaoui and Thierry Leydier [Dec. 2017]. "Beyond the Accuracy-Complexity Tradeoffs of Compositional Analyses Using Network Calculus for Complex Networks". In: 10th International Workshop on Compositional Theory and Technology for Real-Time Embedded Systems (Co-Located with RTSS 2017). Paris, France

Fixed-Point Total Flow Analysis (FP-TFA): An Improved TFA

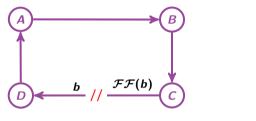
FP-TFA is based on Total Flow Analysis with improvements



^{- [}Mohammadpour, Stai, Le Boudec 2019] E. Mohammadpour, E. Stai, and J.-Y. Le Boudec [2019]. "Improved Delay Bound for a Service Curve Element with Known Transmission Rate". In: IEEE Networking Letters. DOI: 10.1109/LNET.2019.2927143

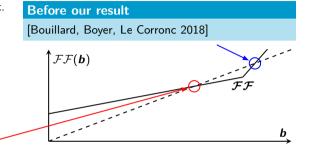
FP-TFA: A **New Fixed-Point Result** for Networks with Cyclic Dependencies

Leaky-bucket-constrained flows, cuts and fixed-point.



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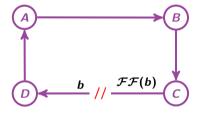
If the network is **initialy empty**, and if \overline{b} is non negative and such that $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{F}(\overline{b}) = \overline{b}$, then the network is stable and \overline{b} is a valid bound for the bursts at the cuts.



^{- [}Bouillard, Boyer, Le Corronc 2018] Anne Bouillard, Marc Boyer, and Euriell Le Corronc [2018]. Deterministic Network Calculus: From Theory to Practical Implementation. Wiley. ISBN: 978-1-84821-852-9

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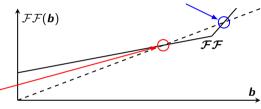


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Before our result

[Bouillard, Boyer, Le Corronc 2018]



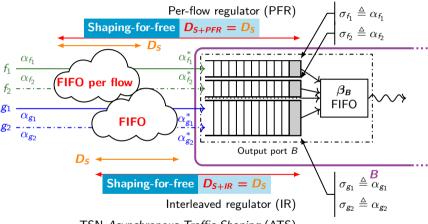
Sometimes, no fixed-point can be found!

[Andrews 2009]

There exist FIFO networks with cyclic dependencies and arbitrarily small load that are **unstable** (unbounded latencies).

^{- [}Andrews 2009] Matthew Andrews [July 2009]. "Instability of FIFO in the Permanent Sessions Model at Arbitrarily Small Network Loads". In: ACM Trans. Algorithms 5.3. DOI: 10.1145/1541885.1541894

Traffic Regulators Break Cyclic Dependencies and Remove Instability Issues



TSN Asynchronous Traffic Shaping (ATS)

Place regulators only at few strategic places: Low-Cost Acyclic Network (LCAN)

Multi-path Topologies: Our Contributions

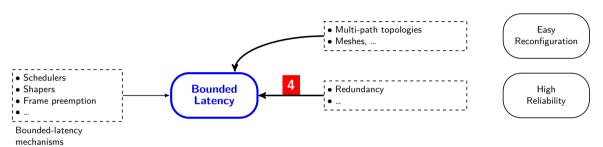
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End-to-end latency bounds	FP-TFA
Traffic regulators (PFRs and IRs)	LCAN

Ludovic Thomas, Jean-Yves Le Boudec, and Ahlem Mifdaoui [Dec. 2019]. "On Cyclic Dependencies and Regulators in Time-Sensitive Networks". In: 2019 IEEE Real-Time Systems Symposium (RTSS). DOI: 10.1109/RTSS46320.2019.00035

FP-TFA: Fixed-point total flow analysis LCAN: Low-cost acyclic network

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Redundancy Mechanisms

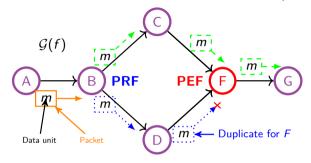


In TSN: Frame replication and elimination for redundancy [IEEE 802.1CB] (FRER) In DetNet: Packet replication and elimination functions [RFC 8655] (PREF)

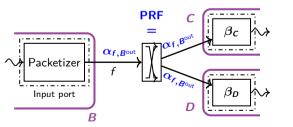
^{- [}IEEE 802.1CB] "IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks-Frame Replication and Elimination for Reliability" [Oct. 2017]. In: IEEE Std 802.1CB-2017. DOI: 10.1109/IEEESTD.2017.8091139

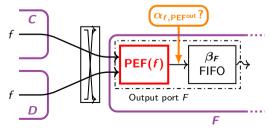
^{- [}RFC 8655] Norman Finn, Pascal Thubert, Balázs Varga, and János Farkas [2019]. "Deterministic Networking Architecture". In: RFC 8655, DOI: 10.17487/REC8655

Redundancy Relies on Packet Replication (PRF) and Packet Elimination (PEF) Functions

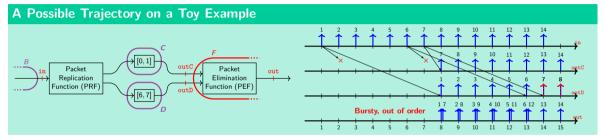


PRF Packet Replication Function
PEF Packet Elimination Function





What is the Traffic at the Output of the PEF ? (Packet Elimination Function)

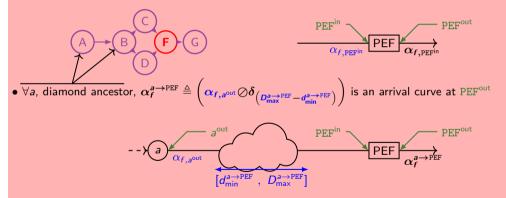


- Output of PEF bursty, mis-ordered ⇒ Can we bound the burstiness and mis-ordering at the PEF's output?
- lacktriangle Output bursty \rightarrow leads to high delay in downstream \Rightarrow Place a traffic regulator after the PEF ?

An **Arrival Curve** at The Output of The PEF (Packet Elimination Function)

Theorem: PEF Output Arrival Curve

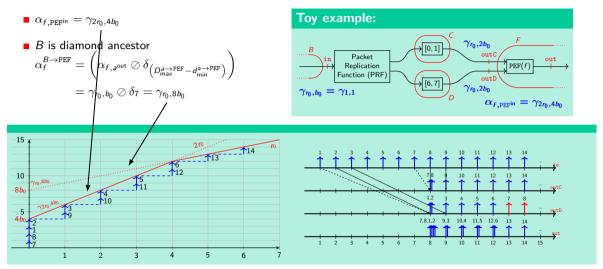
• α_{f, PFFin} is an arrival curve at PEF^{out}



⇒ Combine:

The min-plus convolution of all above arrival curves is an arrival curve at PEFout.

Applying our Result to the Toy Example Provides a Tight Output Arrival Curve



Question 1

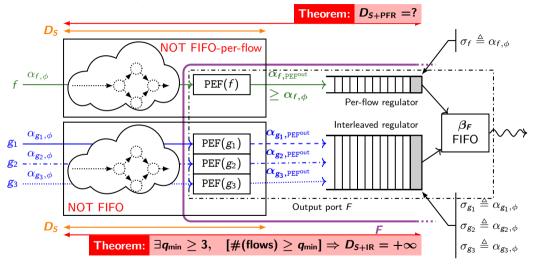
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■ Yes! Using novel network-calculus results.

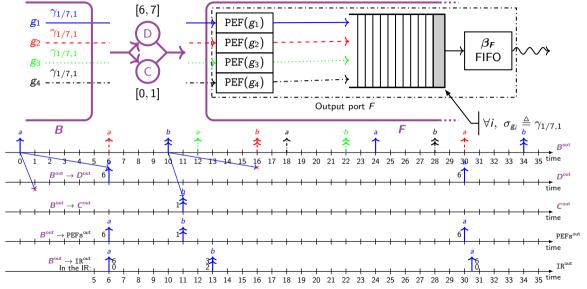
Question 2

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Combination of Traffic Regulators with Redundancy Functions: FIFO assumption is lost!



Interleaved Regulator (IR) Unstable after PEF: Intuition of the Proof



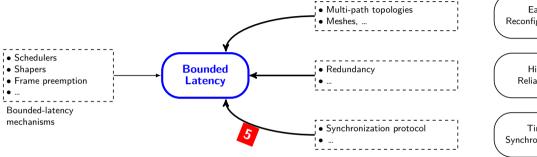
Redundancy Mechanisms: Our Contributions

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latency bounds		FP-IFA
latericy bounds		
Traffic regulators	LCAN	IR Instability Result
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IR: Interleaved regulator (=TSN ATS)

Time Synchronization and Clock Non-Idealities

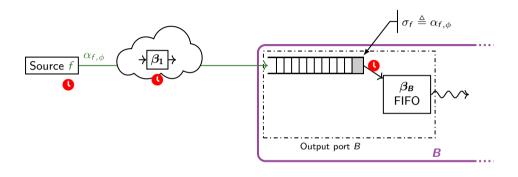


Easy Reconfiguration

> High Reliability

Time Synchronization

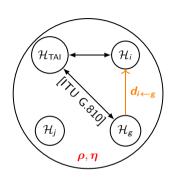
Motivation: Systems rely on their own Internal Clock



Discussions raised for TSN Asynchronous Traffic Shaping [IEEE 802.1Qcr]

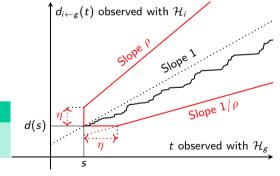
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Model for Non-Synchronized Clocks



Non-synchronized model (ρ, η) : $\forall i, g$,

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ho}(t-s-\eta) \leq d_{i\leftarrow g}(t) - d_{i\leftarrow g}(s) \leq (t-s)
ho + \eta$$



Parameters

Clock-stability boundTime-jitter bound

In TSN [IEEE 802.1AS]

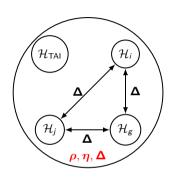
$$\rho = 1 + 200 \mathrm{ppm}$$

 $\eta = 4 \text{ns}$

- [ITU G.810] ITU [1996]. "Definitions and Terminology for Synchronization Networks". In: ITU G.810

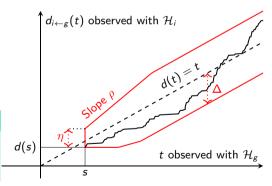
 \mathcal{H}_{TAI} : international atomic time ("true time")

Model for Synchronized Clocks



Synchronized model (ρ, η) : $\forall i, g$,

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Parameters

Clock-stability bound

 η Time-jitter bound

 Δ Synchronization precision

In TSN [IEEE 802.1AS]

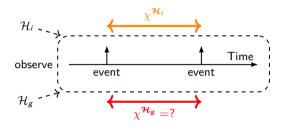
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A Toolbox of Results for Changing the Observing Clocks



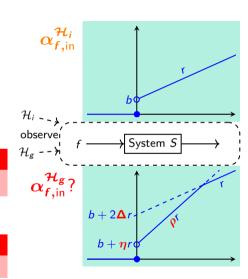
Proposition [Changing clock for a duration]

$$\mathsf{max}\left(0, \tfrac{\chi^{\mathcal{H}_i} - \boldsymbol{\eta}}{\rho}, \chi^{\mathcal{H}_i} - 2\Delta\right) \leq \chi^{\mathcal{H}_g} \leq \mathsf{min}\left(\rho \chi^{\mathcal{H}_i} + \boldsymbol{\eta}, \chi^{\mathcal{H}_i} + 2\Delta\right)$$

 $\Delta \triangleq +\infty$ if non-synchronized

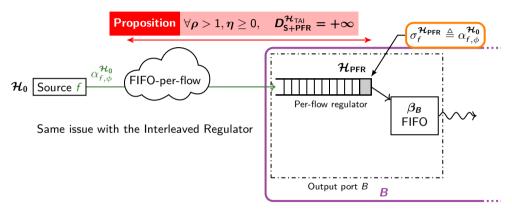
Proposition [Changing clock for an arrival curve]

$$\alpha_f^{\mathcal{H}_g}: t \mapsto \alpha_f^{\mathcal{H}_i} \left(\min \left[\rho t + \eta, t + 2 \Delta \right] \right)$$



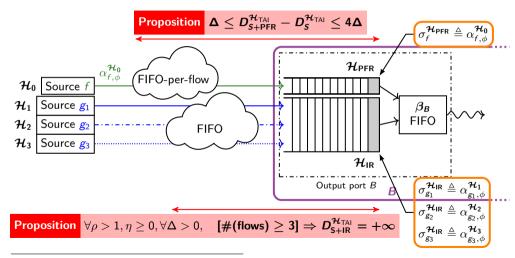
Regulators and Non-Synchronized Clocks: Unbounded Latencies

Non-synchronized model: ρ, η



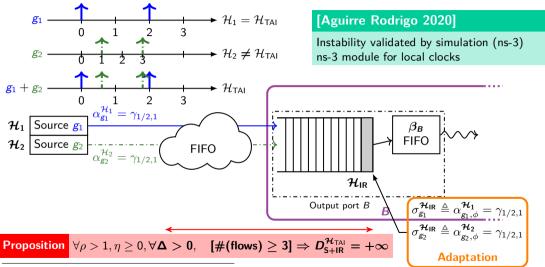
Combination of Traffic Regulators with a Time-Synchronization Protocol

Synchronized model: ρ, η, Δ



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Instability of the Interleaved Regulator with non-ideal Clocks: Intuition of the proof



^{- [}Aguirre Rodrigo 2020] Guillermo Aguirre Rodrigo [2020]. Simulation of Instability in Time-Sensitive Networks with Regulators and Imperfect Clocks. EPFL/LCA2

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latency bounds			
Traffic regulators	LCAN IR Insta		ability Results
(PFRs and IRs)	LCAN	Bounded penalty with PFR.	Bounded penalty with sync PFR.
		Solution: POF	Solutions: ADAM and
		(Packet Ordering Function)	rate-and-burst cascade

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PFR: Per-flow regulator

Experimental modular TFA, a Tool for End-to-end Latency Bounds

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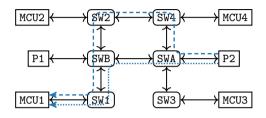
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Application to an Industrial Use-Case

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Application	Validation on an industrial use-case		

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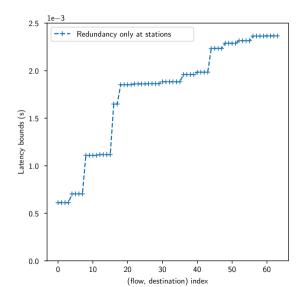
Use-Case: A Multi-path Topology



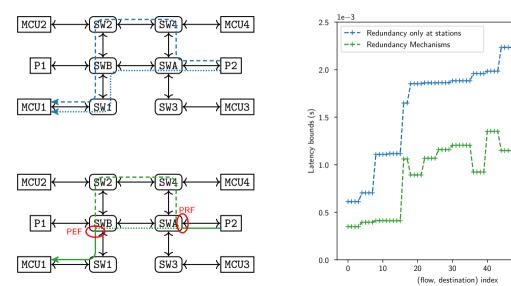
Based on the Volvo Core TSN Network

Nicolas Navet, Hoai Hoang Bengtsson, and Jörn Migge [Feb. 12, 2020]. "Early-Stage Bottleneck Identification and Removal in TSN Networks".

Profile	Payload size	Period at source
S	64B	81μ s
M1	92B	324μ s
M2	121B	567μ s
В	150B	$810 \mu extsf{s}$

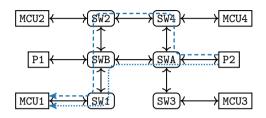


Use-Case: A Multi-path Topology with Redundancy Mechanisms

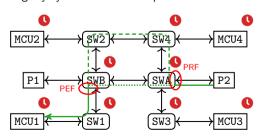


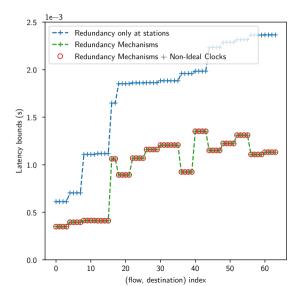
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Use-Case: Multi-path Topology with Redundancy Mechanisms and Time-Synchronization



Tightly-synchronized $\Delta=1\mu s$

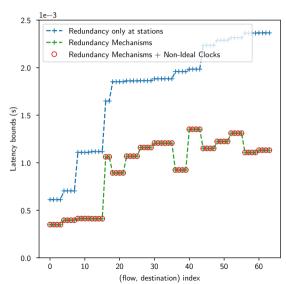




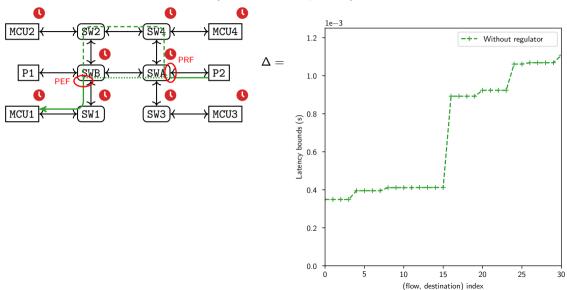
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Take-away

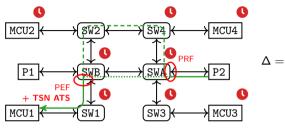
- Our model provides better latency bounds than those that assume redundancy only at end-systems.
- Clock non-idealities can be neglected in tightly synchronized networks that contain no regulator.



Use-Case: The Effect of TSN ATS (Interleaved Regulator)

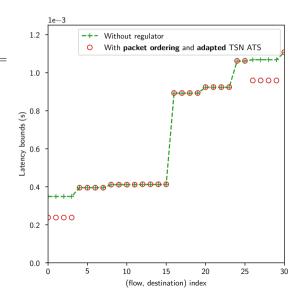


Use-Case: The Effect of TSN ATS (Interleaved Regulator)



Take-away

- Redundancy and clock non-idealities cannot be neglected when configuring IR / TSN ATS.
- If properly configured, TSN ATS reduce latency bounds when combined with redundancy mechanisms.



Summary of our contributions

Contribution	Multipath topologies	Redundancy mechanisms	Time-Synchronization
Network-calculus		Network-calculus model	Nework-calculus model for non-
toolboxes		for redundancy mechanisms	ideal clocks (sync/non-sync).
End-to-end latency bounds	FP-TFA		Two end-to-end strategies
Traffic regulators	LCAN	IR Insta	bility Results
(PFRs and IRs)	LCAN	Bounded penalty with PFR. Solution: Reordering	Bounded penalty with sync PFR. Solutions: ADAM and rate-and-burst cascade
	experimental modular TFA (xTFA)		1010 0110 00100 0000000
Tools		experimental modular 117	ns-3 module
	Validation on an industrial use-case		

FP-TFA: Fixed-point total flow analysis LCAN: Low-cost acyclic network

Perspectives

Implement the model of redundancy mechanisms and non-ideal clocks in other compositional approaches

- Non-ideal clocks:
 - Service-curve-oriented approaches (SFA, PMOO) can benefit from the service-curve result.
 - Linear-constraints-oriented approaches can write the time models as linear constraints.
- Redundancy mechanisms: Results for service curves are missing!

The Quest for a Service Curve for TSN ATS

Does TSN ATS have a network calculus service-curve model?

⇒ Probably not (instability is too easy to achieve)

SFA: Separated Flow Analysis

TSN ATS: TSN Asynchronous Traffic Shaping

List of Publications

- Ludovic Thomas, Jean-Yves Le Boudec, and Ahlem Mifdaoui [Dec. 2019]. "On Cyclic Dependencies and Regulators in Time-Sensitive Networks". In: 2019 IEEE Real-Time Systems Symposium (RTSS). DOI: 10.1109/RTSS46320.2019.00035
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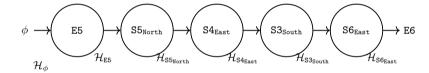
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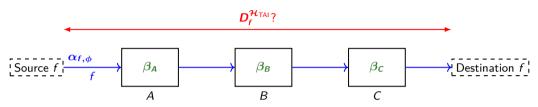
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Computing End-to-end Latency Bounds in the True Time with TFA



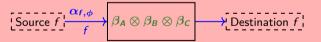
End-To-End Latency Bounds



If f is alone:

Theorem (Concatenation)





Also known as Pay Burst Only Once (PBOO)

 \otimes : min-plus convolution. $(\mathfrak{f} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) : t \mapsto \inf_{0 \leq s \leq t} \{\mathfrak{f}(t-s) + \mathfrak{g}(s)\}$

The Always In TAI Strategy

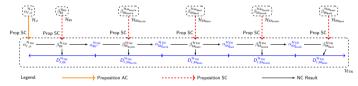
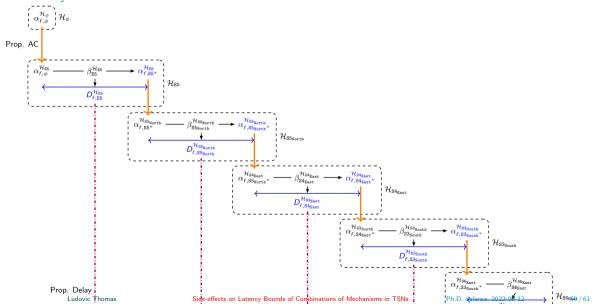


Figure: Illustration of the strategy "always in \mathcal{H}_{TAI} " for the example

The Always In Local Time



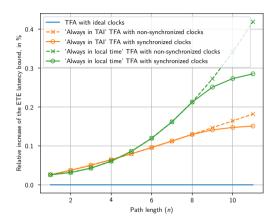
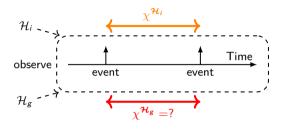


Figure: End-to-end latency bounds as a function of the path length, obtained either with the "always in TAI" strategy or with the "always in local time strategy", in synchronized and non-synchronized networks.

A Toolbox of Results for Changing the Observing Clocks



Proposition [Changing clock for a duration]

$$\max\left(0,\frac{\chi^{\mathcal{H}_i}-\eta}{\rho},\chi^{\mathcal{H}_i}-2\Delta\right)\leq \chi^{\mathcal{H}_g}\leq \min\left(\textcolor{red}{\rho}\chi^{\mathcal{H}_i}+\textcolor{red}{\eta},\chi^{\mathcal{H}_i}+2\textcolor{red}{\Delta}\right)$$

 $\Delta \triangleq +\infty$ if non-synchronized

Proposition [Changing clock for an arrival curve]

$$\alpha_f^{\mathcal{H}_g}: t \mapsto \alpha_f^{\mathcal{H}_i} \left(\min \left[\rho t + \eta, t + 2 \Delta \right] \right)$$

